

REMARKS

As an initial matter, the Applicant thanks the Examiner for his thorough review of the present application. Currently, original claims 1 – 13 have been cancelled and new claims 14 – 24 are pending. In the outstanding office action, the Examiner rejected original claims 1 – 13 under §§ 102 and 103 in view of Kihm (U.S. Pat. No. 6,068,163) and a combination of Kihm and Hau (U.S. Pat. No. 5,244,021). The Applicant believes that the present rejections are rendered moot through the cancellation of the original, rejected claims. Moreover, as discussed below, the previously cited references to not anticipate or obviate new claims 1 – 10. As such, the Applicant respectfully requests that the present application be passed to issuance.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner rejected claims 1 – 7 as being anticipated by Kihm. In response, the Applicant has cancelled claims 1 – 7 rendering the instant rejection moot. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner rejected claims 8 – 11 under § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kihm and claims 12 – 13 over Kihm in view of Hau. In response, the Applicant has cancelled claims 8 – 11 rendering the instant rejection moot. The Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection.

New Claims:

As stated, the Applicant has cancelled the original claims 1 – 13 and added new claims 14 – 23. The new claims clarify the Applicant's invention and are fully supported by the specification of the Application as filed. No new matter has been entered.

Further, the new claims are neither anticipated nor obvious in view of the cited references, i.e., Kihm and Hau.

Authorization is hereby give to charge the Petition to Revive fee to our Deposit Account No. 13-0235. It is believed that no additional fees or deficiencies in fees are owed. However, authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 13-0235 in the event any additional fees are owed.

Respectfully submitted,

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